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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 (Modified). In accordance with current practice, no copies of U.S. patent documents are being provided.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the below-listed information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Forms PTO-1449 (Modified) be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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